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	of pric	or Application No. 09/591,919, filed June 9, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S.
	Applic	eation No. 09/072,018, filed May 4, 1998, which in turn is a continuation of
	Intern	ational Application No. PCT/EP96/04681, filed October 28, 1996.
		pated Group/Art Unit: or Class , Subclass .
[]	This n	on-provisional patent application is based on Provisional Patent Application No. ,
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Enc	losed are:	
	[X]	Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 13 pages.
	[]	Application Data Sheet.
	[]	Newly executed/unexecuted Declaration (original/copy).
	[X]	Copy of Declaration from prior application (grandparent Appln. No. 09/072,018,
		filed May 4, 1998).
	[]	Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
	[]	sheets of drawings (formal) plus one copy.
	[]	Transmittal Letter Accompanying Submission of Compact Disc in Accordance
		with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(e), plus two identical compact discs (for computer program
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	[]	Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
		[] Computer readable copy [] Paper Copy [] Verified Statement.
	[]	Under PTO-1595 Cover Sheet, an assignment of the invention
	[X]	Name of Assignee: Convenience Food Systems B.V.
	[X]	Certified copy of European Application No. 95117387.1, filed November 4, 1995
		is filed:
		[] herewith or [X] in prior (grandparent) application No. 09/072,018.
	[]	Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under
		37 C.F.R. §1.27 as [] an Independent Inventor, or [] a Small Business Concern,
		or [] a Non-Profit Organization.

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